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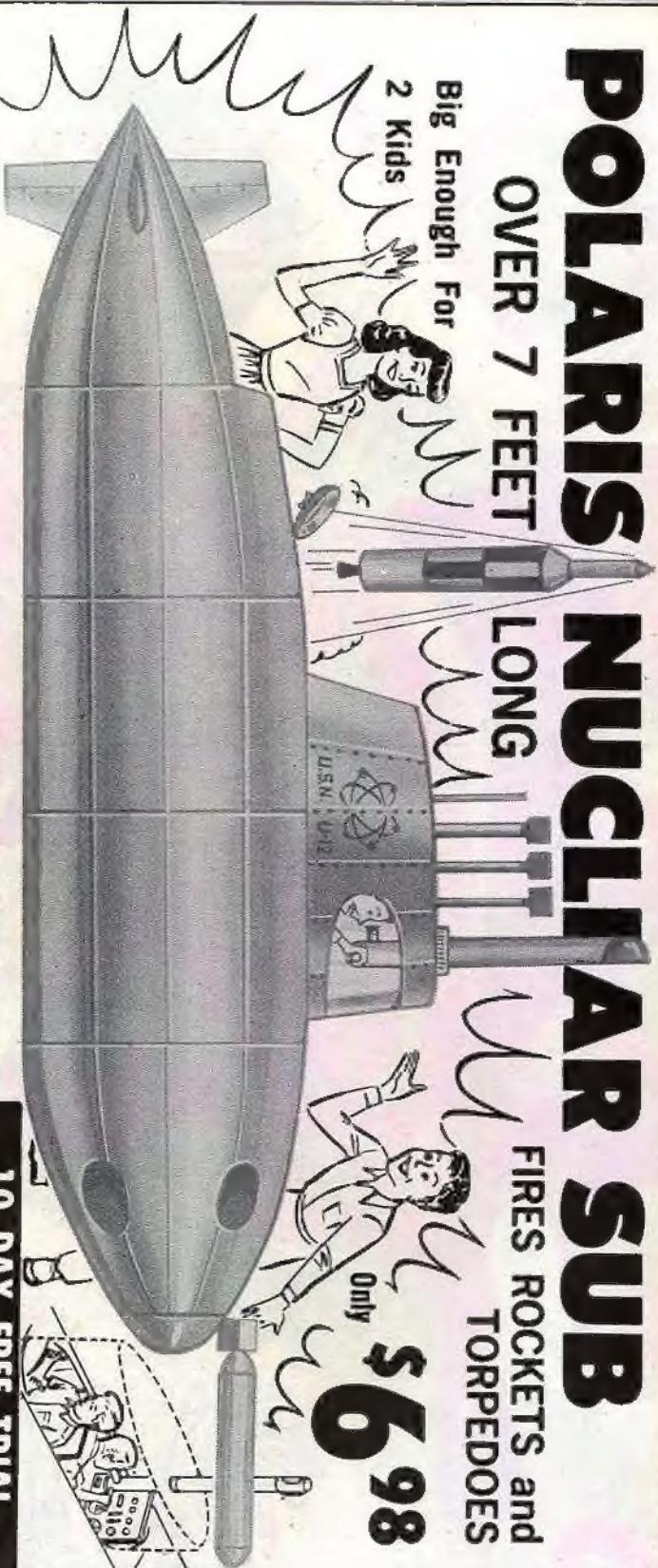
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X-MEN! THE MOST UNUSUAL FIGHTING TEAM OF ALL TIME!

"IF ICEMAN SHOULD FAIL..."

ONE BY ONE, THE *X-MEN* HAVE BEEN DEFEATED--BY THE MOST POWERFUL, THE MOST DEADLY FOE OF ALL! FOR THOSE OF YOU CARELESS ENOUGH TO HAVE MISSED OUR PREVIOUS ISSUE, WE SHALL GO BACK A BIT IN AN EFFORT TO BRING YOU UP-TO-DATE, THUS PROVING NO SACRIFICE IS TOO GREAT FOR US TO MAKE IN THIS, THE MAGNIFICENT NEW *MARVEL AGE OF COMICS!* (BUT DON'T EXPECT US TO MAKE A HABIT OF IT, HEAR?)

FAR ABOVE EARTH, A BALLOON IS DRIFTING --CLIMBING EVER HIGHER TOWARD THE DISTANT SUB-STRATOSPHERE --BRINGING EVER CLOSER TO THE X-MEN --THEIR DOOM!

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DICK AYERS

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ARTIE SIMEK
MARVEL'S BIRTHDAY BOY
(OF THE MONTH!)

AND NOW THAT YOU'VE MADE THE WISEST INVESTMENT OF THE SEASON BY BUYING THIS ISH, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU TURN THE PAGE AND START READING! IT'S REALLY GONNA ROCK YA!

HIGHER AND HIGHER INTO THE ENDLESS VOID DRIFTS THE LOCKED GONDOLA, AS ITS FIVE UNCONSCIOUS OCCUPANTS SLUMP HELPLESSLY AGAINST ITS COLD, ESCAPE-PROOF SHELL! BUT, WHO IS THE MASTER MENACE THAT HAS BROUGHT ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST FIGHTING TEAMS TO THE EDGE OF DESTRUCTION---?



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THUS, ALLOWING THE ENORMOUS BUILDING TO SETTLE GENTLY BACK TO THE GROUND, THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS MUTANT STRIDES MAJESTICALLY INSIDE! AND, AS HE APPROACHES THEM, ALL THE OBJECTS WHICH HAD BEEN STREWN ABOUT IN HIS FIGHT WITH THE X-MEN MAGNETICALLY RISE BACK INTO PLACE!

THE X-MEN HAD DEFEATED ME IN THE PAST BECAUSE OF THE WEAKNESS OF THOSE WHO SERVED ME!

BUT NOW, I FIGHT ALONE! I NEED NO ALLIES. I AM MAGNETO, THE ALL-POWERFUL!



THE DESK OF PROFESSOR X-- WITH HIS ACCURSED CEREBRO MACHINE BUILT INTO ITS SURFACE!

CEREBRO--CREATED TO WARN HIM OF THE PRESENCE OF DANGEROUS MUTANTS! HE'LL HAVE NO FURTHER USE FOR THAT!



WHATEVER DOES NOT SERVE MAGNETO, MUST BE DESTROYED!! FOR, I AM SUPREME!





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NURSE! WE CAN AFFORD TO WAIT NO LONGER! HE'S REACHED THE CRITICAL STAGE!

WE MUST TAKE A CHANCE AND APPLY THE NEW SULFA DRUG! WITHOUT IT, HE MAY NOT LAST OUT THE NIGHT!

QUICKLY, WOMAN! IS THE NEW LASER-INDUCED HYPODERMIC READY??

THEY NEED ME! --I MUST GO TO THEM--THEY NEED ME--!

THEY'VE WORKED 'ROUND THE CLOCK TO COMPLETE IT IN TIME, DOCTOR! BUT, THEY WANTED ME TO WARN YOU--IT'S NEVER BEEN TRIED BEFORE!

THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST TIME, YOUNG LADY! JUST PRAY THAT IT WILL PENETRATE HIS INCREDIBLE SKIN!



BUT, IF THE DEPARTING PHYSICIAN COULD LOOK INSIDE A GONDOLA RISING TOWARDS THE SUBSTRATOSPHERE, HE WOULD FIND THE ANSWER TO HIS QUESTION! FOR, THE X-MEN, ALAS, ARE THEMSELVES FORSAKEN--!

THE OTHERS ARE UNCONSCIOUS--HELPLESS--!

WHILE I AM WITHOUT THE POWER OF MY MUTANT BRAIN, DUE TO THIS MENTAL WAVE DISTORTER MAGNETO HAS FASTENED TO MY SCALP!

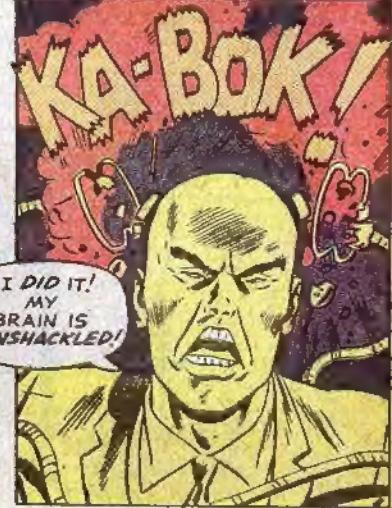
BUT, EVEN HE HAS OVERLOOKED ONE BASIC ITEM! MY ABILITY TO READ MINDS AND PROJECT MY THOUGHTS IS DUE TO THE COUNTER EGO WHICH I POSSESS,

EVEN NOW, THAT SAME COUNTER EGO IS PROBING THE DISTORTER-- APPLYING AS MUCH STRESS AND STRAIN TO IT AS IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE!



THE PAIN IS INCREASING BY THE SECOND! THE PRESSURE IS ALMOST UNBEARABLE! BUT I CANNOT STOP NOW! I DARE NOT STOP NOW!

THE MORE STRESS THAT I APPLY TO THE DISTORTER, THE MORE CHANCE THERE IS OF SMASHING IT! I CAN'T--LET MY OWN PAIN--HOLD ME BACK!



ANGEL AND CYCLOPS ARE STILL UNCONSCIOUS--BUT THE BEAST AND MARVEL GIRL ARE MERELY DAZED!

I'LL USE THE POWER OF MY OWN MIND TO SNAP HANK AND JEAN OUT OF IT! THEN, WE'LL ATTEND TO THE OTHERS!

PROFESSOR! I KNOW, JEAN! HE TOOK US ALL BY SURPRISE, AND MANAGED TO IMPRISON US WITHIN THIS GONDOLA! WE'RE RISING HIGHER EVERY SECOND!



YOU'RE RIGHT, HANK, BUT FIVE HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE! WE'VE GOT TO UTILIZE ALL OUR POWER--AND THAT MEANS SCOTT AND JEAN, TOO!

FIVE HEADS? ONE IS MISSING! WHAT ABOUT ICEMAN? DID HE EVADE MAGNETO'S TRAP?

HE'S STILL IN THE HOSPITAL, HANK! DON'T YOU REMEMBER? OH--SCOTT IS REVIVING!

EASY, BEASTIE-BOY--EASY! THE HEAD IS ATTACHED! IT'S NOT REMOVABLE!

IT LOOKS BAD, WARREN! WE'RE TOO HIGH FOR ME TO BLAST AN OPENING IN THE GONDOLA! WE'D LOSE OUR OXYGEN IN SECONDS!

BUT WE'RE DOOMED IF WE DON'T GET OUT!

PROFESSOR--HOW DID MAGNETO DO THIS TO US?? THE LAST WE SAW OF HIM, THE STRANGER WAS TAKING HIM TO ANOTHER GALAXY--FOREVER!*



*IN THE UNFORGETTABLE ISH #11, REMEMBER?--STAN.

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE SCHOOL WHICH HE HAS TAKEN OVER, THE MIGHTY MAGNETO PUTS HIS MOST FANTASTIC PLAN INTO OPERATION! BY MERELY HARNESSING THE LIMITLESS MAGNETIC POWER HE POSSESSES, THE MAD MUTANT GOES TO WORK WITH A VENGEANCE IN THE LABORATORY OF PROFESSOR X--!

NO LONGER
WILL I
HAVE TO
SEARCH
FOR NEW
MUTANTS!

AT LAST I HAVE
THE MEANS TO
BUILD A VAST
ARMY OF THEM--
AN ARMY TO
SERVE ONLY
ME!

AND, IT HAS ALL BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE
FATE LET THE PARENTS OF AN X-MAN FALL INTO
MY HANDS!

FOR, KNOWING
THAT THEY GAVE
BIRTH TO A MUTANT,
I SHALL SECRETLY
ANALYZE THEIR
BODY CELLS, AND
DUPLICATE
THEM--!

THUS I'LL BE ABLE TO CREATE ADDITIONAL MUTANTS,
USING THE SAME CELL PATTERNS. IT SHALL BE
SIMPLICITY ITSELF!

WHEN I AM
DONE, MY ARMY
OF MUTANT SLAVES
WILL BE LARGE
ENOUGH TO EASILY
CONQUER ANY
FORCE THAT MAN-
KIND CAN THROW
AGAINST IT!

I CANNOT FAIL! BY
MEANS OF THIS SELECTOR
PANEL, I CAN EVEN
CONTROL THE TYPE OF
MUTATION I DESIRE!
NOTHING CAN HALT MY
MARCH TOWARDS WORLD
DOMINATION NOW!

AND, AT THAT MOMENT, IN A SMALL GONDOLA, DRIFTING HIGHER AND HIGHER INTO THE LONELY SUBSTRATOSPHERE....!

TRY YOUR KINETIC POWER, JEAN! PERHAPS YOU CAN PUSH US DOWN AGAIN!

I'LL KEEP WATCH OUT HERE-- TO SEE IF IT WORKS!

BUT, WHAT IF I CAN'T DO IT, PROFESSOR?

IT'S GOT TO WORK, JEAN! THE OXYGEN CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER IN HERE!

THOU KIDS US NOT, SCOTTY!

WHILE MARVEL GIRL PREPARES TO FOCUS HER KINETIC POWER AT THE GONDOLA'S FLOOR, I'LL ATTEMPT TO MENTALLY LOCATE MAGNETO, AND SEE WHAT HE'S DOING!

SILENCE, PLEASE!

PROFESSOR! WHAT IS IT? I-I NEVER SAW YOU LOOK SO SHOCKED BEFORE!

IT'S THE ANGEL'S PARENTS! MAGNETO HAS CAPTURED THEM!

MY MOM AND DAD! NO! IT CAN'T BE! NOT THEM!

BUT HOW? HOW?

ICEMAN IS THE KEY! BACK AWAY, ALL OF YOU! I MUST THINK! NOW--!

SECONDS LATER, IN THE SILENT HOSPITAL ROOM, A BRISK COMMANDING THOUGHT FILLS THE AIR--'

BOBBY! BOBBY! THIS IS PROFESSOR X! CAN YOU READ ME? YOU'RE NEEDED, SON! YOU'RE NEEDED!

I--I READ YOU, SIR--!

I CAN TELL THAT THE SULFA DRUG HAS HELPED YOU! BUT, YOU'RE STILL WEAK! DON'T TRY TO TALK-- JUST FOLLOW MY ORDERS....!

LEAVE YOUR BED! SLOWLY--CAREFULLY--

YOU MUST LEAVE UNNOTICED! FORM AN ICE SLIDE AT THE WINDOW--!

NOW, EXTEND THE SLIDE AS YOU GO-- OVER THE ROOFTOPS --TOWARDS THE SCHOOL! GOOD! GOOD!

THEY NEED ME! THEY NEED ME!

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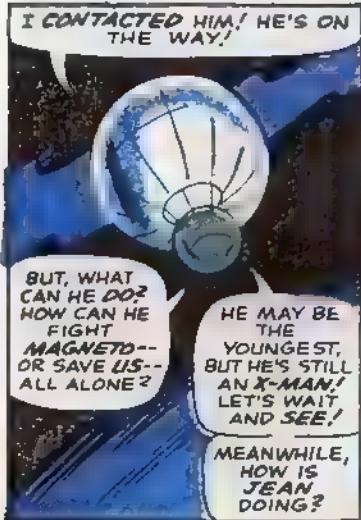
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THEN, IN AN EFFORT TO RELAX HIS TENSE, WORRIED FELLOW CAPTIVES WHILE ICEMAN ENTERS THE FRAY, THE PROFESSOR RELATES THE IMAGES WHICH HE CAN DETECT IN MAGNETO'S MIND...



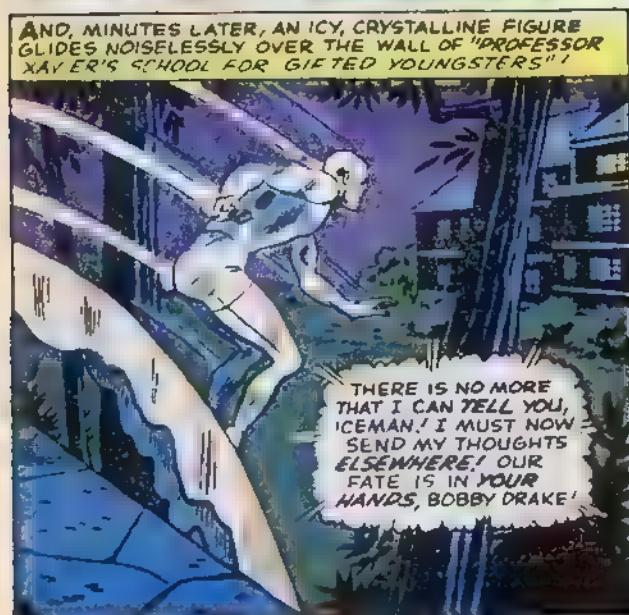
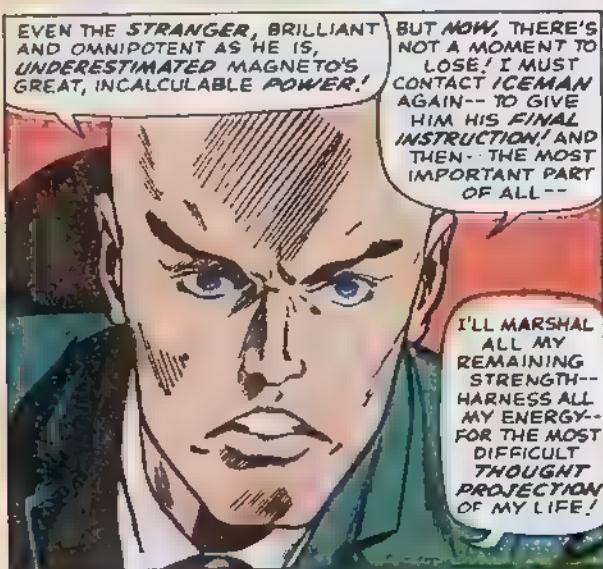
WE'VE BEEN ALLOWED TO ROAM AT WILL, BECAUSE THE ENTIRE PLANET IS A PRISON FOR US! BUT, IT WON'T REMAIN SO MUCH LONGER!

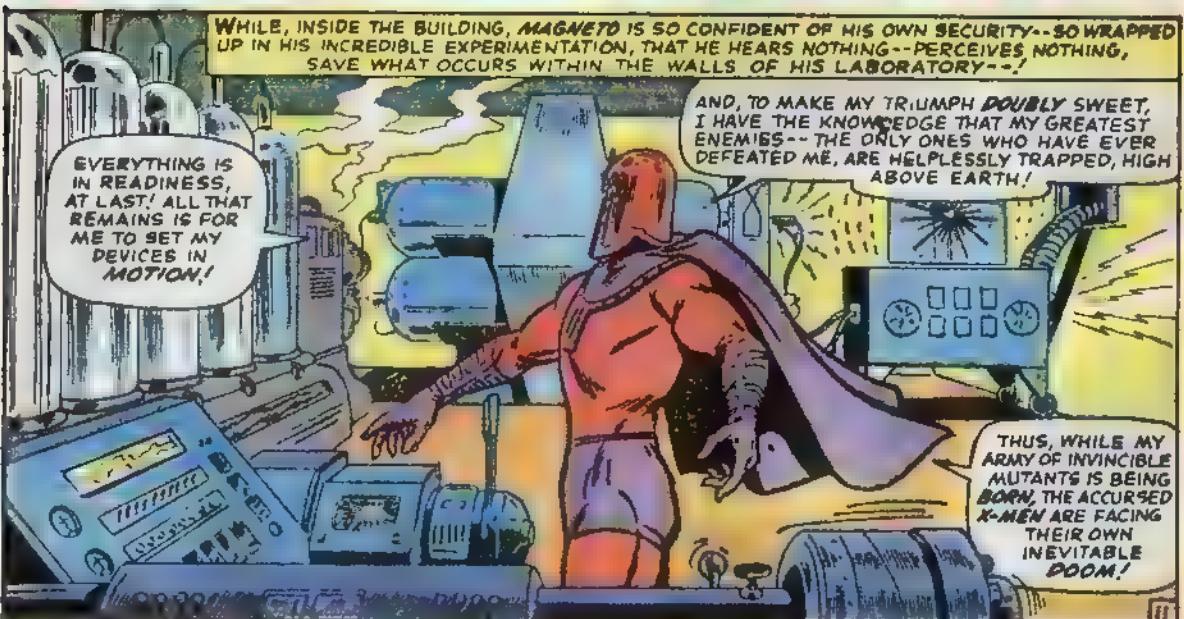
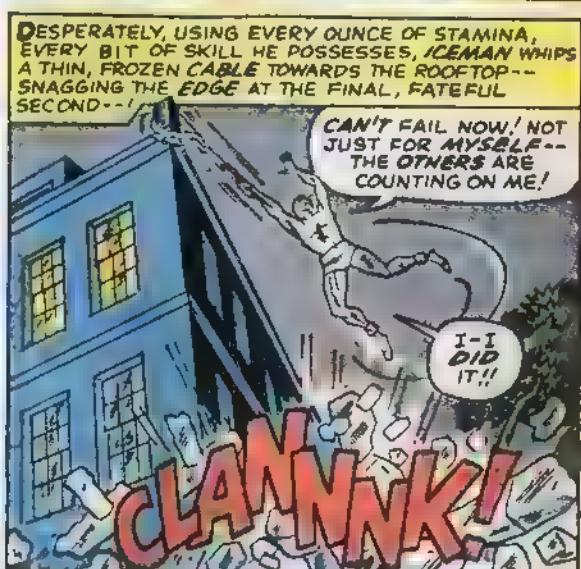
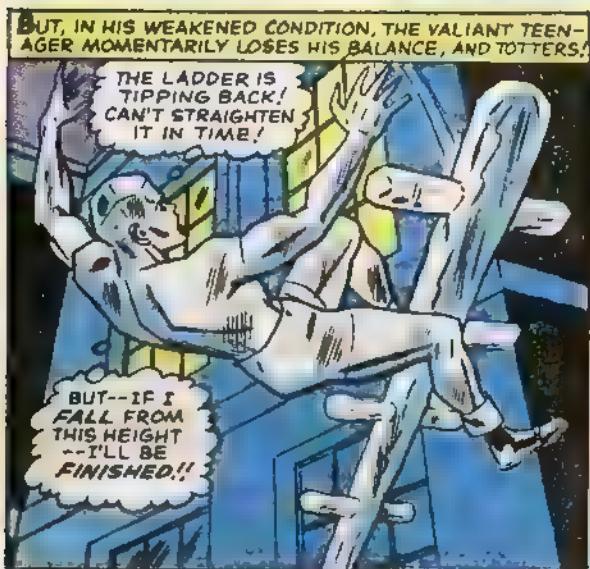
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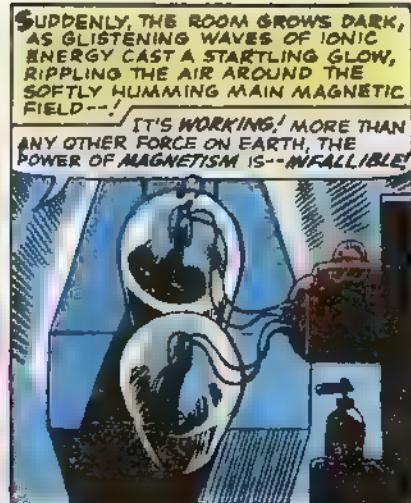


PRECISELY! AT THE WAVE OF A HAND, I TRANSFORM THE IRON GATE AROUND THIS SHIP INTO A LADDER WHICH WILL GRANT ME ACCESS TO THE HATCH ABOVE!









AND NOW, MY MUTANT PRODUCTION LINE IS BEGINNING TO TAKE FORM! FROM ORIGINAL CONCEPTION TO FINAL CREATION, THE PROCESS IS PERFECT! SUPER-POWERFUL SLAVES OF MAGNETO--EACH LIKE AN ARMY UNTO HIMSELF--!!!



AND, IN THE ADJACENT ROOM, A FRANTIC TEENAGER, QUICKLY REALIZING THE SOURCE OF MAGNETO'S MAD PLAN, HASTILY ERECTS AN ICE BARRIER BETWEEN THE TWO SLEEPING VICTIMS AND THE MAD MUTANT'S BODY CELL SELECTOR--!!

THIS IS SURE TO BRING MAGNETO, BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED--!!

I'VE GOT TO HALT HIS MUTANT MACHINE-- ANY WAY I CAN!

BUT, ICEMAN'S WORST FEAR IS REALIZED WITHIN SECONDS...

THE SOURCE OF THE INTERFERENCE MUST COME FROM--AHMM!! HIM!!

ICEMAN!! YOUR FOOLHARDY TAMPERING WITH MY MASTER PLAN WILL AVAIL YOU NOTHING--EXCEPT YOUR OWN CERTAIN DESTRUCTION!

I KNEW HE'D COME AFTER ME! BUT AT LEAST I'VE STOPPED HIM FOR NOW!!

SLAM

I'LL DESTROY YOU WITH A GESTURE! EVERY OBJECT IN THE ROOM WILL BECOME A DEADLY THREAT!!

NOTHING CAN OVERCOME THE POWER OF SUPREME MAGNETISM!!

NO! HOW ABOUT A QUICKLY FORMED ICE SHIELD, BRAGGART?

SWOOOSH!

BUT, THIS WON'T HOLD HIM OFF FOR LONG! I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST!

WHILE HE'S BLINDED BY HIS OWN FLYING OBJECTS, I'LL USE MY SHIELD AS A SLED AND TAKE OFF!

YOU YOUNG FOOL! DO YOU THINK THERE'S ANY PLACE IN THIS BUILDING-- ANY PLACE ON EARTH-- WHERE YOU'LL BE SAFE FROM ME??!

SHOOOSH!

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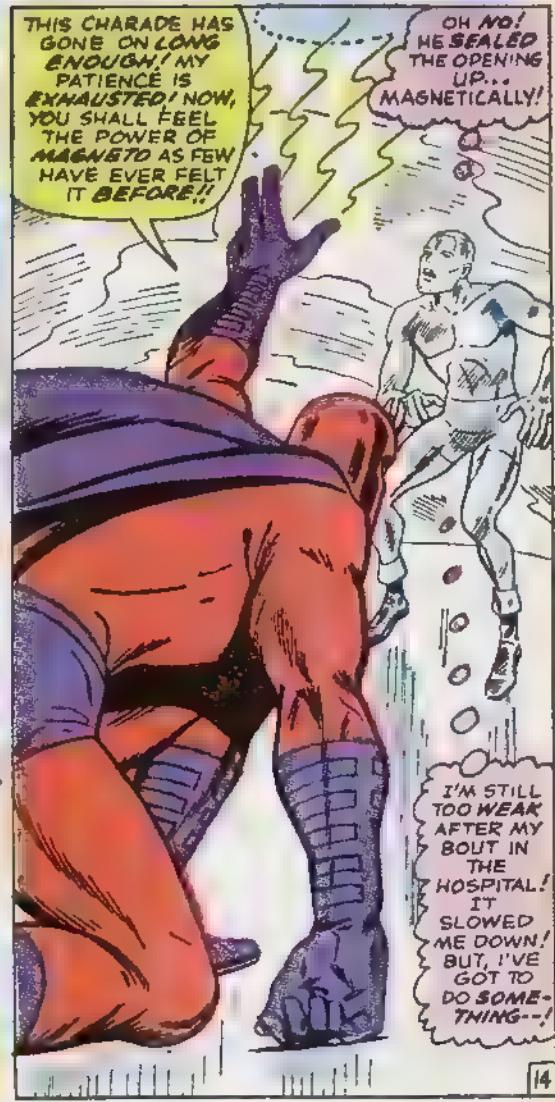
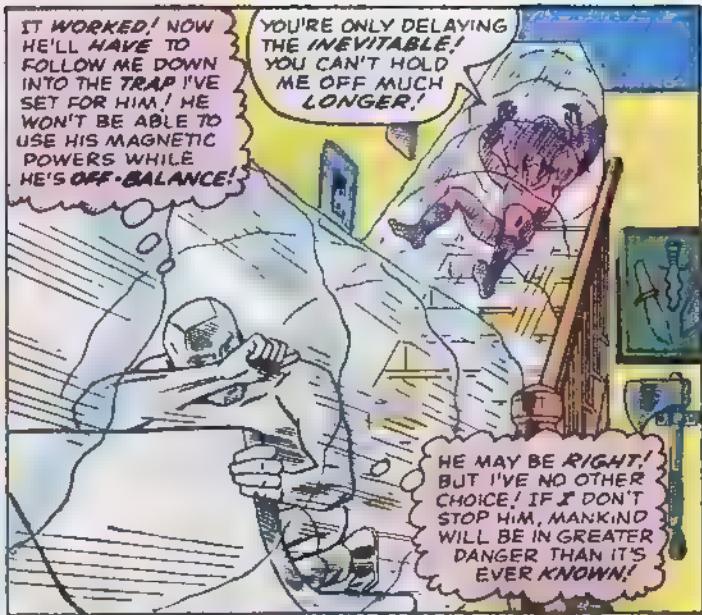
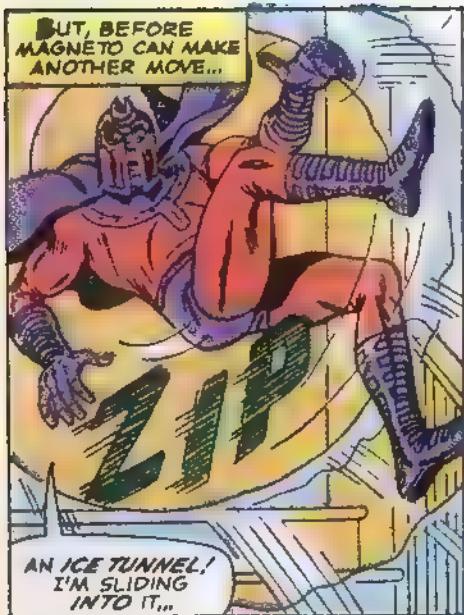
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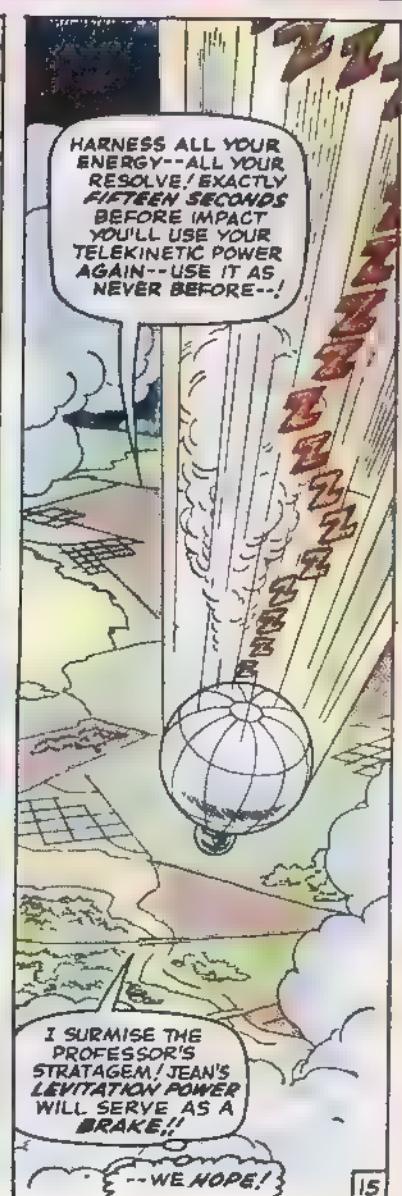
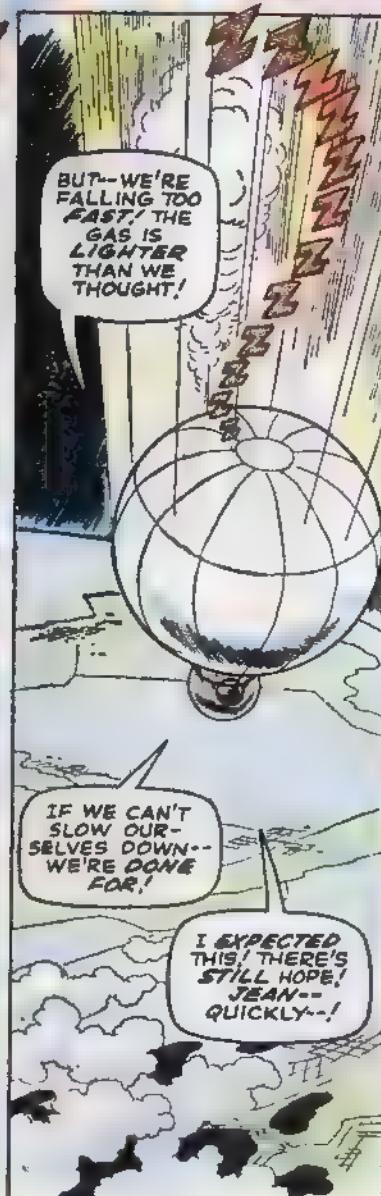
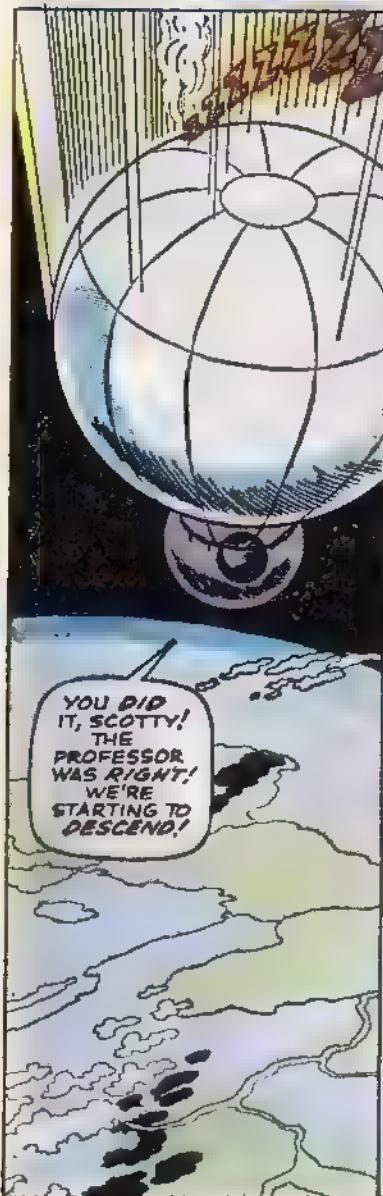
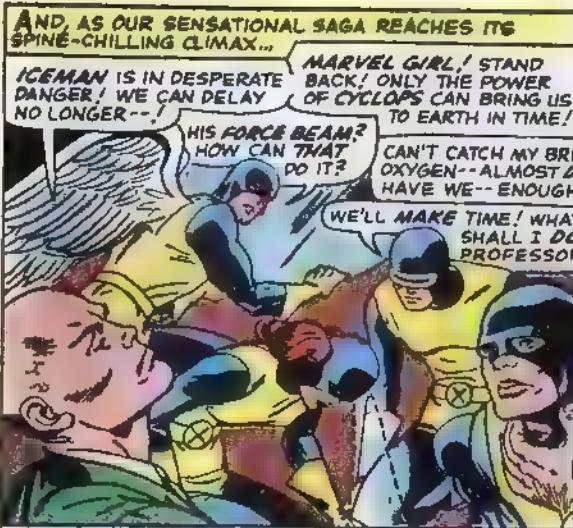
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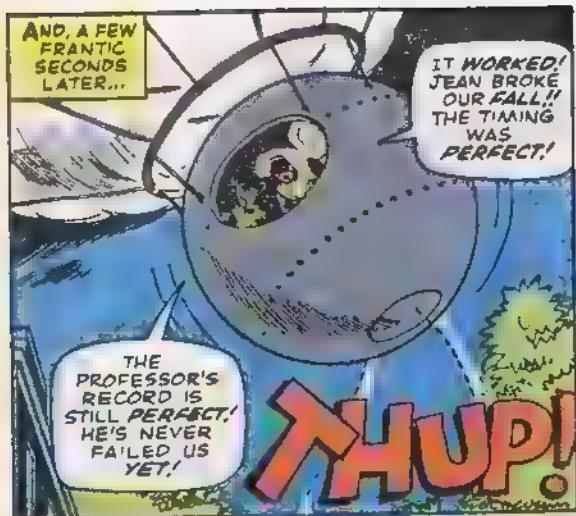
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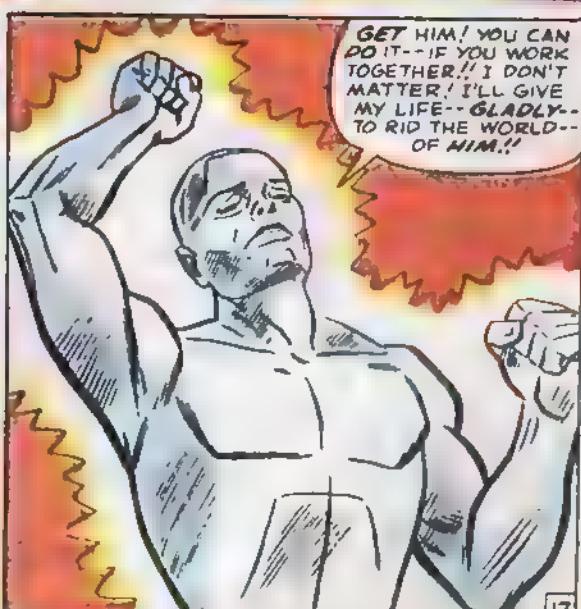
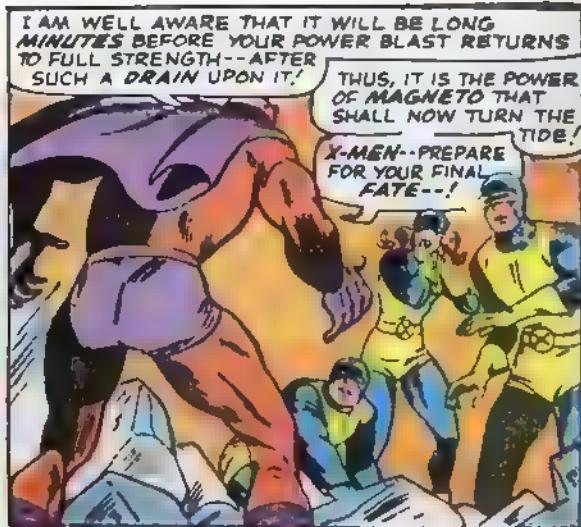
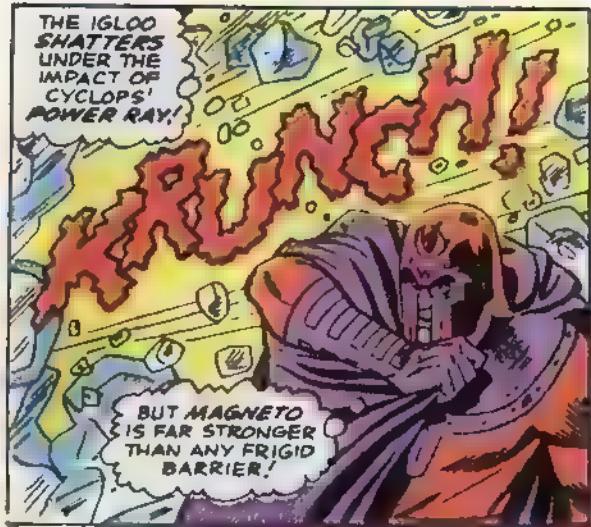
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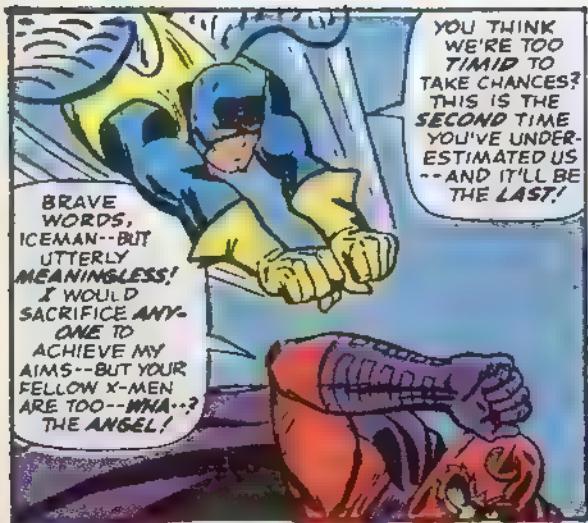




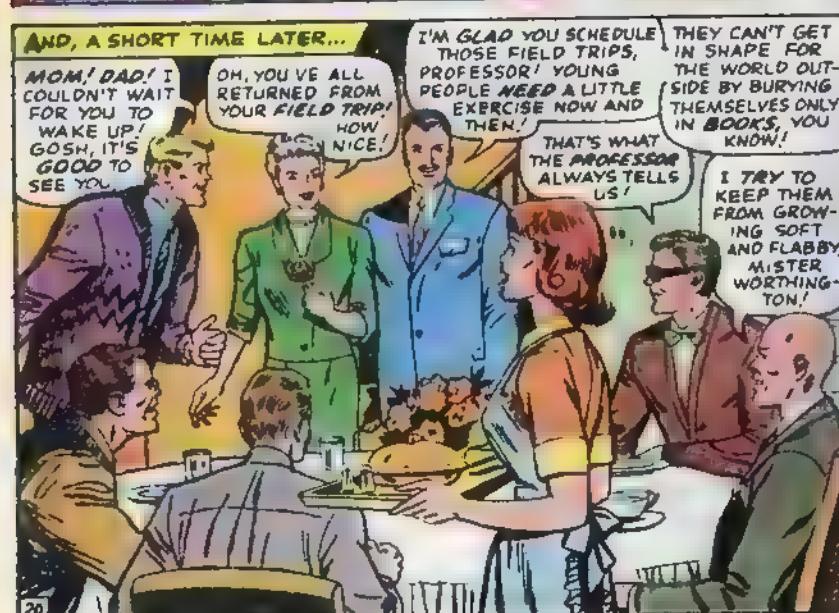
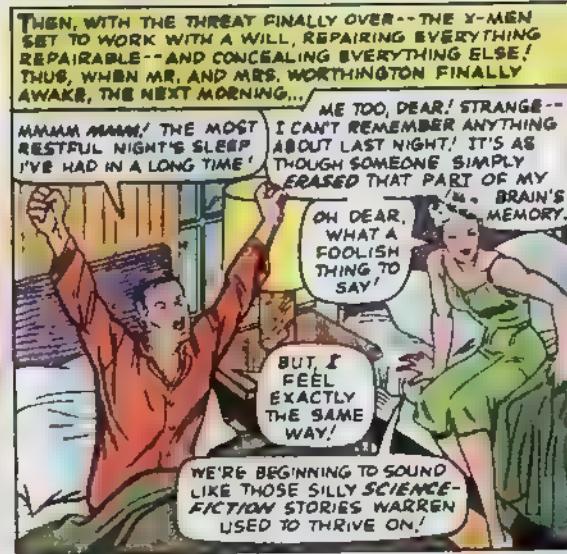
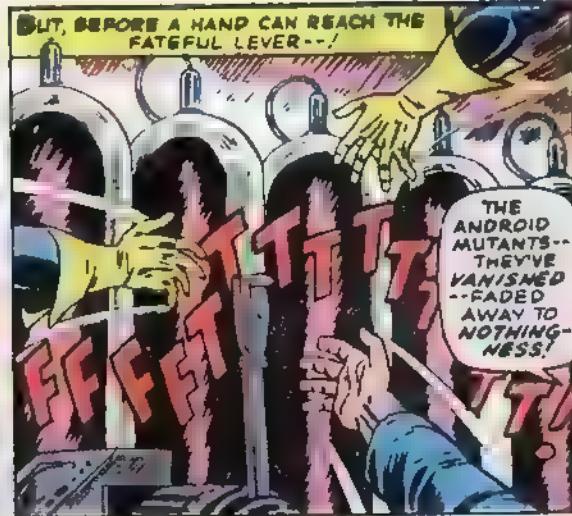
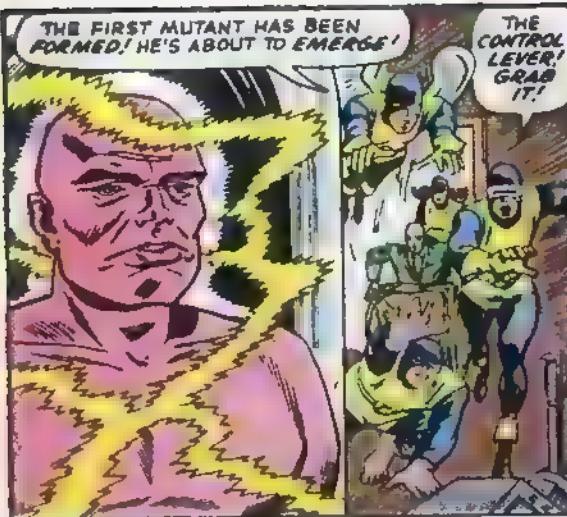


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HOW ABOUT THAT! Have you noticed how everybody seems to be talking about Marvelately? Or am I Stan? Stan was interviewed on the *Tony Martin* radio program, *The World Today* (Mutual Network) in the early part of October, and has a number of other radio interviews scheduled as well. The Sept. 25th of *ESQ/RE* included the Hulk and Spidey among the 28 people who count most on campus! Other national mags too numerous to mention here have also been spreading the word about Marvel. Why, many collegiate publications (including UCLA's *PELICAN*) have asked for permission to do write-ups about the merry Marvel craze which is sweeping fandom. We kinda thought you madcap Marvelites would like to know the company you're in.

DIDJA KNOW? Didja know that you serious collectors can build a complete file of all our early superhero stories by collecting #1s of the sensational guitars fed to **MARVEL COLLECTIONS' ITEM CLASSICS** on sale every three months? Of course, it'll take a few issues for us to repeat all our early #1s in this manner, but it's only a matter of time before growing old with Marvel. Didja know that man has been racing around in FAVOR of controlled stories, although we've been printing more of the negative reactions because they're usually more provocative? Didja know that 95% of Marvelites have been cringing at the drawings of our caveman characters which appear on your Marvel stationery sets, and they look terrific that way? Just a suggestion, posy-cat! Didja know that the first Dr. Strange to appear in the wacky world of Marvel was actually a woman? She was featured in one of the earliest iron Man yarns. And don't embarrass us by asking which lady—naturally we've forgotten.

STRICTLY PERSONAL! STAN G. our curly-haired mustachioed denim artist, has just drawn an ad for one of the biggest soft-rock companies. Its initials are No. 9. If you're in the Times Square area you can see it on the biggest billboard in sight. Otherwise, you'll have to wait 'till it gets to your neck of the woods. But you can't fail to recognize the gals look like the dolls from the *MILLIE THE MODEL* mag—which Stan draws, patch! How many of you know that MICKEY SPILLANE the world-famous author of the *MIKE HAMMER* series used to scribble scripts for the Marvel bullpen? In fact, Mike once advised Stan to take a comic script, jazz it up just a bit, and hand it end up with a swash-bam novel! Well, maybe one of these days.

Remember the Bill EVERETT, the Golden Age great who created *Sub-Mariner* and who also did the first issue of *DAREDEVIL*? Bill is hankering to rejoin the bullpen again on a permanent basis, and we're all hoping he will! His style is as exciting as KIRBY's as different as DIT

KO's, and as unforgettable as AUSTIN's! More about Bill later . . . ROY THOMAS, our newest Marvel maniac, is probably the only editorial staffer who can read handwriting. (Although it's been so long since he tried that he now claims he can just barely remember the diff between an owl and an 'b'!) Next week we're gonna try him on Sanskrit! (Although who could tell if he'd bright or not?)

DEPARTMENT OF UTTER CONFUSION! As most of you know, our Marvel masterworks are sold in practically every part of the free world! Whether you're in South Africa or Spain, Paris or Portugal, you've no excuse for missing an 'sh'! And we're checking on you every minute! But, did you know how each country changes the various names in each mag? For instance, *Marvelman* has been sweeping most of Mexico these days. But in translating our year's old Spanish, some of our syncopated super-heroes are rechristened in this way: The HULK becomes EL MOLDE (two syllables meaning bulk or mass). The THING finds himself called EL COLOSO (the colossus one). And DAREDEVIL is translated as EL DYNAMO! This incredible formula is undoubtedly guaranteed to do you absolutely no good whatsoever, ya'll! There's more. Guess what DR. STRANGE is known as south of the border? Aw, someone must have told you. How'd you know it was DR. CENTELLA (Dr. Spark)? Anyway, our tantalizing titles are sold throughout Latin America with one exception: the bearded one has banned all comic books in Cuba as subversive literature! That's probably the nicest compliment we've had all year.

Let's meet 26 more M M M S. members!

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THE WRAP-UP! Since we've just about run out of room, we'll leave you now with these imperishable words of Irving Forbush: "Maybe a Marvel mag isn't as edifying as the complete works of Shakespeare, but it's a lot easier to carry! So, in the name of erudition, **MAKE MINE MARVEL!**" Nuff said, aficionado!

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Dear Stan and Jay,

I never saw such art from Marvel! X-MEN #15 was a wreck. If you don't have good art, you don't have a good mag. On the first page you had "X-Men, the Most Unusual Fighting Team of All Time!" Didn't you know it's the "Most Unusual Teenagers of All Time"?" Marvel Girl looked about as feminine as the Hulk. Cyclops treats the other X-Men like they were Howlers and he were Sgt. Fury! Iceman's art was the worst of all—he should never have features, such as eyes, when he is iced up! If Marvel Girl doesn't stop insulting the Beast, he may give her a dearly needed spanking! And I hope he does! One more thing, why didn't the Beast and Iceman break out of that glass cage they were in?

Fred Langford, 309 North West 9th
Dimmitt, Texas 79027

If you're such a know-it-all about everything else, Freddie, you might as well figure that one out too! And if Marvel Girl looked as feminine as the Hulk to you, remind us never to ask you to judge any bullpen beauty contests! Chees! (Now don't get the idea we're mad—it's just that we always thought the Hulk was lots prettier!)



Dear Stan and Jay,

Firstly, I'd like to say that your mags are the best anywhere. I started to read them when I lived in Canada, and I still read them here in Japan. There's one problem, though—the average number of your comics that come out here every month is very low. I really know good stories when I see them. I like X-MEN, FF, SPIDEY, and DAREDEVIL. Please send more mags over here. Also, do you give no-prizes to people who try to get others to enjoy Marvel? I've tried to translate your mags to my friends!

Yuta Funasaka, 75 Higashi-Ogi Machi
Suganami-Ku, Tokyo, Japan

No-prize nothin', Yuta! We're sending you a complimentary subscription to X-MEN, as a slight reward for your translating chores! But, we didn't know one had to try to get people to enjoy Marvel! We thought all human beings were born with that happy faculty!

Dear Stan and Jay,

I've deciphered your reason for putting out the X-MEN and DAREDEVIL monthly. You're finally receiving enough fan mail for a monthly two-page spread instead of once every two months. Just this month you used 68 letters in your nine super-hero mags and SGT. FURY. Keep it up! Twenty pages of story and two letters pages are ten times more entertaining than twenty-two story pages—all your tales should be run through the collective id of us frantic fans. X-MEN #14 for instance, the Sentinels are in every way worthy foes of the X-Men and Professor Xavier, but don't have them stop the Sentinels by turning off their control studs. You've used that gimmick in SPIDER-MAN #16 and AVENGERS #11 and #18. 'Nuff said! X-Men artwork was perfect in #12 but slipped in

#14. Is it true that you only read mail written on Marvel stationery? By way of variety, give Dr. Strange some new incarnations, like "By the Orange of Hieronymus Bosch!"

Glenn Engelbreteen, Page House, Caltech
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Sure! Sure! And you'll probably sue us the minute we use it! Of course it isn't true that we only read mail written on Marvel stationery! So far we've read mirthful missives penned on the back of shopping bags, pawn tickets, old report cards, paper towels, and Brand Echh rejection slips! But, we will admit that it doesn't exactly make us angry when we see a letter written on our own swingin' stationery—in fact, it veritably warms the cockles of our avaricious little hearts, Glenn!

Dear Stan and Jay,

The way you put off these romances kills me. To fix that problem, if you please, do as I say. As you remember, in X-MEN #8 Cyclops said about Marvel Girl, "If only I could tell her the words I really want to say, how silken her hair is, how gorgeous her lips are, how I love her!" Now I guess you know what I want. I want Cyclops to marry Marvel Girl. I know you're good guys, but if you don't do this I will never write to you again. If you do not let them get married, you'll be sorry!

Robert Paron, 91 Duymar
Toronto 8, Ont., Canada

We're not stopping them, Bobby, honest! But, they've been kinda busy with other things lately—things like saving the world from utter annihilation—and sundry other irritating distractions! Y'know how it is, pal—the way the world is shook-up today, things are kinda hectic in the super-hero line! But, be of good cheer—if they ever take a vacation—look out!



Dear Stan and Jay,

I just picked up the latest ish of X-MEN and also your surprise goodie MAHVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS. Believe me, and you better believe me, it was absolutely one of your greatest annuals ever. I can't understand how you guys in the bullpen could keep something this big so quiet. And here I was thinking that you couldn't keep a secret. Well, you asked for letters, so let's start out by saying that the F.F. story was great! About the newest X-MEN—it was marvelous. You've been giving Professor X the limelight lately. That's the way I like it. All in all, the story was X-cellent!

Steve Newman, 3310 Kossuth Ave.
Bronx, N.Y. 10467

Our sentiments, x-actly, Steverino! And, we're glad you latched onto our MARVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS. It may have been a surprise to you, but we've been kicking the idea around for months, and it sure looks as though we've come up with a winner! We've gotten tons of enthusiastic mail about the mag, and don't even have a letters page for it yet! (But, just wait!) Now let's see—what were we talking about? Oh yes—the X-Men—!



Dear Stan and Jay,

X-MEN #14 was the best I've ever read, and Jay's art was great. But I have a question about the Angel. In X-MEN #14, Iceman asked him why his parents didn't know about his wings, and the Angel said that they didn't sprout until he was at military school. If this is true, then he is not a mutant! A mutant is a person born with powers derived of Homo Sapiens, right? But if Warren wasn't born with wings (his source of power), he isn't a mutant! Let's see you get out of this one! And thanks for making THE X-MEN monthly.

Tom Falzone, 6906 St. Clair

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You're welcome, Tommy, you're welcome! Just between us, tiger, we're not the world's greatest authorities on mutants! In fact, we can't think of a single mutant whom we know personally! But, how's this for a guess, in answer to your query—Warren was born with his mutant power—but it simply took his wings (which he was born with) about 13 years to sprout! If we're wrong, forgive us! We think we're adorable—but Charles Darwin we ain't!

Dear Stan and Jay,

I never have read about girls writing to you, so here's one. I've been reading THE X-MEN, AVENGERS, and F.F. for the past two years and they are great. I think the X-Men are the greatest, because they have the most interesting powers. One question, though—how come you don't act sober?? (I mean, how come you act so silly?) I mean this for the cover and letter section and all over the place! The X-Men are serious, for they are fighting for freedom. You seem to make fun of the idea of mutants, super-powers, or something. I'm sure your other readers will disagree with me, but I have my own opinion.

Laura Hartsock, c/o Capt. F. E. Hartsock, 60th MP Det.
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Whee! You sure do, Laurie! We're sorry about acting so silly, pussycat! Actually, we always thought we gave the impression of being extravagantly erudite, supremely sophisticated, and compulsively cultured! But, it just goes to show ya—no matter how we phrase it, it just comes out "silly"!

Dear Stan and Jay,

I've been reading your comics for about a year and thirteen months, and I agree with a lot of your other readers that your comics have no competitors. I didn't really write this letter to tell you how long I've been reading your mags. I really wrote it to tell you that I have just finished reading X-MEN #15 and I thought it was so good—well, it was simply beyond description. Boy, have you guys got your work cut out for you now that the X-Men are pinned to the floor by a powerful gravity ray and the Sentinels are closing in on them. If I'm not asking too much, will you please make X-MEN #16 better than #15? There's one more thing I want to say before I sign off—why don't you let the Stranger make a comeback? I think he's the best villain you have ever put in an X-Men adventure.

Allen Fugua, 4843 Monroe
Kansas City, Mo.

Well, Al, ol' Strangey came back for a fleeting second in this ish, and there's always the chance that he'll be making a still more prominent appearance later on—if Jay can remember what he looked like! 'Twas nice of you to say that we haven't any competition, but we wish someone would tell us who's publishing all those other mags we keep seeing on the racks!

Dear Stan and Jay,

As you can see, I am one of the sophisticated Marchers, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the great service you are providing for us. What is the service, you ask? It is giving us those great mags. They serve a dual purpose from my point of view. Each story is a moral in disguise. Most of us read the story for the pure enjoyment of it—and surely, after a long day of school, we need it! I envy your extraordinary talents for producing these fantastic mags. I know they keep my spirits up and jumping. I can only say, keep up the excellent work. So until the Angel molts, Namor turns green, and Spidey falls off a wall, "Make Mine Marvel!"

Billy April, 88 Clifton Ave.
Brockton, Mass. 02401

Thanks for the kind words, Billy boy! All we wanna know now is—if we're so chicken-scratchin' great, how come the Treasury Department doesn't make the purchase of our magnificent mags a tax-deductible item? In other words—who goofed?



Dear Stan and Jay,

I've just finished reading X-MEN #15. It was absolutely great. ("Great" doesn't describe the story, but I couldn't think of a better word for "Prisoners of the Mysterious Master Mold!"). Please don't ruin the stories by carrying out the romance between Scott and Jean. It didn't do Spider-Man any good to mush up his stories. Getting around to the cover, it was absolutely great, but how about a little more color in future issues from now on? Keep up the "great" work—nuff said!

Steve McCutcheon, 6030 Eckleson St.
Lakewood, Calif. 90713

More color? You gotta be kiddin', Stevey! We tossed in everything but the kitchen sink! We had colors we don't even know the names of! Anyhow, what about the cover of ish #17? We made it all red—and you'll probably never talk to us again! By the way, you may think a romance between Scotty and Jean would ruin the stories—and we might think so—but, we'll betcha if you asked them!

Dear Stan and Jay,

X-MEN #15, in my opinion, was one of the best I've read yet. But I've got you on something. In X-MEN #14, when Dr. Trask first introduced the Sentinels on TV, Professor Xavier tried to stop one Sentinel with his strongest thought bolt, and failed. But in X-MEN #15, he was able, with his thought bolt, to bother the Master Mold with it. How come???

Walter Willis, 169 S. Spring Mill Rd.
Villanova, Penna.

Wally boy, we'd like to answer you—honest! But, by the time we received your liltin' letter, we were already hard at work on ish #20! We've kinda forgotten the details of #15 (and probably wouldn't be able to think of an answer even if we remembered!). So, how about it, X-Men x-perts? Can any of you give us the answer, out there in Marvel-land? There'll be a one-of-a-kind no-prize waiting for the best and battiest letter!

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